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MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The sixtieth annual meeting of the Medical Library Association was held in Seattle, Washington, May 9-12, 1961. The pre-conference program on May 8 included workshops and advanced seminars, conducted in the Health Sciences Building of the University of Washington's School of Medicine. Presiding was Mr. Robert T. Lentz, and Mrs. Jean Ashford served as convention chairman. About 275 medical librarians were registered for the meeting.

Major sessions were devoted to the topics of public relations, information storage and retrieval, and management methods. The School Library group had an especially interesting meeting on the community role of the medical school library.

Officers elected for the next year are:

President - - - Gertrude L. Annan (N. Y. Acad. of Medicine)
Vice-President - Frank B. Rogers (National Lib. of Medicine)
Honorary Vice-President - - Dr. Harold Hillenbrand (Chicago)
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - Ruth J. Mann (Mayo Clinic)
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - John P. Isché (Louisiana State)
Board of Directors - - - - - - - - - - Louise Darling (UCLA)
Nominating Committee - - - - Jacqueline W. Felter (Queens)

The 1962 meeting of the Medical Library Association will be held in Chicago, June 4-8.

In 1963 the meeting will be held in Washington, D. C., June 16-22, concurrently with the Second International Congress on Medical Librarianship.

SUMMER HOURS

Service to readers at the National Library of Medicine in the evenings and on Saturday afternoons will be discontinued for the months of July and August this year. Beginning Saturday, July 1, and ending Saturday, September 2, the Library will be open to the public each day, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MARCIA C. NOYES AWARD

The Marcia C. Noyes Award of the Medical Library Association has been awarded to Dr. Frank B. Rogers, Director of the National Library of Medicine, for "outstanding achievement in medical librarianship."

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE BUILDING

Two years ago this month ground was broken for the new NLM building with the fond expectation that by this time the Library would be moving into its new home. These hopes were founded on the fact that completion of the building by mid-June 1961 was specified in the construction contract. But massive rock formations underlying the building site and the unusually severe winter weather of 1960/61 have combined to slow the rate of progress of the construction to the point where occupancy by mid-December seems the best that can be expected.

As this goes to press there are signs of labor trouble ahead, with strikes impending in several of the construction trades employed in the project. "Have patience and endure." ---Ovid.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

LIBRARIES IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEDICINE is the theme of the Second International Congress on Medical Librarianship to be held in Washington, D. C., June 16-22, 1963, at the invitation and under the auspices of the Medical Library Association.

The purpose of the Congress is to foster the development and improvement of medical library service throughout the world by discussions planned to increase the knowledge, broaden the understanding, and improve the skills of the librarians who attend.

Dr. Frank B. Rogers is the Chairman of an Organizing Committee composed of present and former presidents of the Medical Library Association:

Miss Isabelle T. Anderson (National Library of Medicine)
Miss Gertrude L. Annan (New York Academy of Medicine)
Mr. Wesley Draper (Medical Society of the County of Kings and Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn)
Miss Bertha B. Hallam (University of Oregon, Portland)
Miss Mildred Jordan (Emory University, Atlanta)
Mr. Thomas E. Keys (Mayo Clinic, Rochester)
Mr. Robert T. Lentz (Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia)
Miss Wilma Troxel (University of Illinois, Chicago)

The Organizing Committee is planning a program which will provide free and open discussion of subjects relating to the improvement of education and training of medical librarians, the building of library resources, improvement of library services, and international cooperation on bibliographic and other technical projects.

The Organizing Committee has established the Congress committee structure and has appointed the committees: Budget and Finance (Mr. Scott Adams, Chairman); Congress Facilities (Mr. Ray W. Grim, Chairman); Exhibits (Mr. Samuel Lazerow, Chairman); Hospitality (Miss M. Ruth MacDonald, Chairman); Public Relations (Mrs. Jane M. Fulcher, Chairman); Publications (Mr. Seymour I. Taine, Chairman); Registration (Mr. John J. Clopine, Chairman).

Within the next month an announcement of the program of the Congress will be mailed to all members of the Medical Library Association and to about one thousand overseas addresses. The announcement will also be sent to American Embassies and Consular Offices, and U. S. Information Centers throughout the world.

Medical librarians who are not members of the Medical Library Association and tentatively planning to attend the Congress are urged to communicate that intention to the Executive Secretary of the Congress. A mailing list is being established for future announcements on program, registration, housing, travel, etc. Address all communications to:

Executive Secretary
Second International Congress on Medical Librarianship
National Library of Medicine
Washington 25, D. C.

RUSSIAN TRIP

Mr. Samuel Lazerow, Chief of the Technical Services Division of the National Library of Medicine, departed on May 20 from Washington for Russia, where he will visit medical libraries, publishing houses, and other institutions. Before returning home near the end of June Mr. Lazerow will visit various libraries elsewhere in Europe.

BMR, 1961

This year's Bibliography of Medical Reviews is a cumulated issue containing all the material which has been published in the BMR since the inception of the series (1955), plus new material for 1960. The cumulation will be available late in 1961.

IN PRESS

Index-Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office, Series 5, Volume 2 (A-M) and Volume 3 (N-Z). Subject entries. [Due July 1961. Price for Volume 2 is $6; price for Volume 3 not yet available]

Film Reference Guide for Medicine and Allied Sciences, 1961. Subject listing of 1,974 medical films currently available. Produced by NLM for Interdepartmental Committee on Medical Training Aids. [Due July 1961; price not yet available]

Cancer Motion Picture Guide, 1961. Produced jointly by NLM and the Cancer Control Program of the Public Health Service. Contains a subject listing of about 1,100 titles of motion pictures, both U. S. and foreign, relating to cancer. [Due July 1961; price not yet available]

Pulmonary Mycotic Infections. Compiled by Dorothy Bocker, M.D. A bibliography of selected publications in English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish covering the period 1957 to April 1961. Supplements NLM bibliography on Fungus Infections (1958). [Due July 1961]

PUBLICATION REMINDERS

Russian Drug Index. Compiled by Stanley Jablonski; revised by Robert M. Leonard. Washington, 1961. [Public Health Service Publication No. 814] 103 p. Available from the Superintendent of Documents, GPO, at 60 cents.

National Library of Medicine Catalog, 1960. 905 p. Available from the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C., at $20.50 (including postage).

Cumulated Index Medicus, Volume 1, 1960. Chicago, American Medical Association, 1961. In three parts. Part I: Introduction, List of Journals Indexed, Author Index;[iii], 94, 1412 p. Part II: Subject Index A-J, 1174 p. Part III: Subject Index K-Z, p. 1174-2374 (i.e., 1201 p.). Available from American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, at $35 for the set ($40 outside the U. S. and Canada).

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